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Christian Heritage

To the Editor:

Your editorial in the Sept. 1 issue of Action entitled, "Let U. S. Keep the Faith" is excellent. The Christian Protestant majority in the name of tolerance has been surrendering gradually and by piecemeal our precious Christian heritage. The minority groups that come to our country come because of the freedom that they can here enjoy. Then in the name of that same freedom they oppose and seek to eliminate the Christian teachings and institutions that are the source of their liberties.

The false doctrine of the universal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man and the command to love our neighbor as ourselves has led a multitude of careless or ignorant Protestants to surrender every Christian principle or teaching that is offensive to Catholics, Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, and secularists of all kinds and descriptions. Your editorial is a clarion call that should awaken and alert the Lord's followers throughout the nation.

Our Christian Citizens Association has been emphasizing this for some years but we have been a voice crying in the wilderness. I hope that your editorial may be reprinted by every Christian magazine and church paper throughout the country. It should be made available in pamphlet form for widespread distribution. Let us get rid of this false tolerance which leads Christian people to think that they may offend these minorities seeking to destroy our national Christian heritage.

WALTER MCCARROLL

Santa Ana, Calif.

What's the Difference?

To the Editor:

Here are some comments discussing a very confusing trend in some Sunday School circles today. If you feel your constituency would profit by reading them, I would like to pass them along.

"It is so hard to get enough teachers we started putting two classes together. Besides it is better to have one good teacher than two poor ones."

There is a trend today among some groups toward the larger Sunday School class. They feel it is an answer to their problem, but is it? The statement above is really an admission of failure. It has never been particularly easy to challenge people to teach or to lead to act or even to think.

Certainly putting two of a thing together does not guarantee success. Neither is a teacher good because you have one instead of two. You may start out with one big class and one teacher and you may end up with a small class and no teacher.

The whole philosophy of Christian education is affected by this decision. The architectural layout of a church costing thousands of dollars is changed. Any idea that will do that is worth thinking through.

Who is responsible for such thinking? That is probably impossible to say, but the churches that are putting the idea to work in the classroom and on the drawing board are largely of liberal theological persuasion plus a few others who thought it was a new idea and therefore it must be good and still a few others who knew no other way to solve their teacher problem.

Evangelical Sunday School leaders stand in agreement that the genius of the Sunday School has ever been the individual contact the teacher has with his pupils. Destroy the genius and you destroy the Sunday School.

Sunday Schools grow as the number of teachers in a school increase. Want to grow? Increase the number of teachers and workers and the room space and you have two of the most essential ingredients of growth. It is axiomatic that twenty teachers can take better care of two hundred people than ten could. Cut the staff and you will soon cut attendance.

The need in the average School and especially the average adult department is for more smaller classes and for more well trained teachers.

How many should we have in a class? Here is an answer from twenty-five denominational Sunday School leaders in session last January in Chicago.

"While recognizing the trends toward organization of larger class units, we as denominational secretaries favor maintaining the principle of smaller class units, understanding, of course, that likewise we favor the importance of the departmental program. In pre-school ages from two to five we favor departmental units with teachers and superintendents. Primary, Junior, and Junior High we favor the small class units with an average of eight to ten in a class; keeping in mind, the departmental joint worship service. In senior high and college, classes may be increased up to approximately twenty. In adult divisions, classes may again be increased up to approximately thirty."

CLATE A. RISLEY
Executive Secretary
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Chicago, Ill.

COVER PHOTO—A Yankee maid bows her head in prayer of Thanksgiving at Old Sturbridge Village, Mass., the re-created New England country town of 150 years ago, where the traditional holiday is celebrated as it was during the early years of the independence of America as a nation.

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
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3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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CONFLICT AND CONFUSION ON THE MISSION FIELD

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By FREDERICK G. FERRIS
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IF MY WEEKS of travel through many (17) lands have crystallized anything for me it is the deep conviction of the Divine Nature of the Church of Jesus Christ. Except her life was spiritual and from above, she could never survive the storms that beat around her.

I have witnessed much the Church is accomplishing that has cheered and encouraged my soul. I'll never forget the inspiration of the pre-dawn prayer services in South India where 700 persons were assembled before the first white light of morning came streaking over the hills. By the time it was daylight the crowds numbered more than four thousand.

I'll never forget the tears and words of confession of sin of an eight year old girl that literally put hundreds of adults on their faces before God praying for forgiveness.

I shall not forget the inspiration of a missionary couple, already in their sun-set years, beginning a new work among a dirty, disease-ridden people heretofore unreached with the Gospel. They were facing the task with joy, and with utter abandonment of self, were moving into a little Bamboo hut in the midst of the squalor and demon power of a heathen tribe.

I've silently thanked God over and over again for the complete devotion to this infallible word of God, and to Christ the Lord, as I have seen it in the lives of missionaries on the far flung mission fields.

In the presence of such consecration, and in the midst of such deep moving of the Spirit of God upon His Church, one is caused to recall with sweet assurance the words of Christ concerning the Church— ". . . the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

This is a day in which the gates of Hell are open wide, and the forces from the Pit threaten with ever increasing cunning and fury the purpose and program of God's elect.

Enemies Without

The relentless tightening of government restrictions upon the program of evangelization poses a real threat. There are countries in Asia where it is practically a federal offense to speak to a person with the thought of turning him from his ancestral faith. In many instances government restriction denies children under 18 years of age from making decisions concerning their faith. I have talked with the Principal of a Christian school having an enrollment of 700 and inquired what percentage became Christians before completing elementary school. The teacher threw up her hands in horror and said "I wouldn't know. If I attempted to persuade my pupils for Christ the government would close the school."

I know a veteran children's worker who must always announce his meetings as "For Christians." Invariably he is apprehended after the meeting because boys of Buddhist faith are present in his audience. He recognizes that his liberty to witness for Christ is rapidly being whittled away by government regulations.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord . . . and sing praises unto thy name (Ps. 18:49).

India

In India today many faithful missionaries are remaining beyond furlough time, simply because ever tightening government restrictions deny them permits to return to their mission fields. Many who have requested permits have been denied and have had to go to countries where the door is still open. Such countries are going into spiritual vacuum unless the national Christians have been taught and equipped to carry on the work.

Communism

It would appear that only a miracle of God's intervention can prevent Ceylon from being plunged into the maw of this atheistic beast. Everything is being nationalized. While there has been no general exodus, one suddenly is aware of the fact that the British have left the Island.

In Singapore great youth rallies evidence the aggressive spirit of Communism. High School students remain inside their schools for days at a time, ignoring the pleas of parents, disdaining law and order, while their tutors indoctrinate them in the ways of Communistic life.

Hong Kong

In Hong Kong there is the general feeling that the Red avalanche may engulf the teeming city at any moment. Outstanding Christian leaders say "We are gambling on having two more years to work in Hong Kong. The Russians are waiting only to get more of the United States money with which Hong Kong buys its food from Red China, and the completion of the huge airport now under construction by the British. We have no doubt they will come—It is only a question of how soon." Because this threat is so imminent the Chinese Christians are most hesitant to unite with any organization that comes from the West. The result is a weak and divided church caught in the ebb tide of a nation in a state of flux.

Address delivered at an EMAJ Fellowship meeting in Tokyo.

Romanism

The Roman Catholic Church is by no means the least of the threats to the Church of Jesus Christ. The dictatorial Church is no less desirous for the destruction of Protestantism than is the dictatorial State. In Viet Nam the Priests openly threaten the Protestants, claiming they will deny them the privilege of medical help and hospitalization, and they are exploiting every other means to plant fear in the hearts of the Christian believers. It is generally understood that Viet Nam is to be given to the Virgin Mary in three years. In a meeting which we held far back in the Viet Nam hills the Priest had preceded us and threatened the people. Later when we attempted to drive home, the Priest and his followers had removed the planks from all the bridges on that mountain road. I stood in a village twelve miles long, having thousands of homes. There was a Roman Catholic Church every two hundred meters. There was not one Protestant Church, or believer in the entire community. While the practice of Romanism may not be as brutal as that of Communism, its effect is just as lethal to Protestantism.

The tremendous resurgence of "Isms" poses a real threat to the Christian Church today. Much of this is being promoted under the guise of Nationalism, and the people are turning to it by the million. Once committed they are almost impossible to reach with the Gospel.

Enemies Within

But all the threats do not come from outside the Church. Much stems from within. It is a rare mission field that is not shot through with Sectarianism. Everyone wants to play in his own back yard. We are suspicious of the motive of others, and their message. We refuse to cooperate. We have allowed Denominationalism to become something it ought not to be, and the result has been havoc on the mission field. We have everyone catalogued, classified and pigeon holed. No longer can an ungodly world declare "Behold how these Christians love one another." Suspicion has supplanted confidence, and sectarianism has destroyed the unity that ought to exist among believers. I was in one country where the missionaries admitted their only cooperative effort was a baseball team. Challenged by the University, and the American Embassy they had responded by organizing a team. It is tragedy that these missionaries could not be challenged to unite their forces to aid the helpless refugees or the milling multitudes of heathens that surround them on every side. Look at it any way you want to, we have been guilty of pointing fingers; calling names; of becoming followers of Paul, and Apollos, and Cephas.

Modernism

Modernism is not a dead issue. Those who shrug it off with a toss of the head do not realize the forces that are banded together to thwart every effort of the evangelical witness. We need to be alerted to the fact that the national church of Asia and the Far East can altogether too easily be wooed and won by those who deny the infallibility of God's Word, but prove their friendliness and concern for a needy people by offering material aid. Do not underestimate the persuasive power of "things" when promised to a Church materially destitute.

The Ecumenical movement in many countries is beyond the stage of establishing beachheads. It has arrived in force. Its advocates have welded together a huge organization. But, as is always the case in the Super Church there is lacking a vital living message, and evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit. Obviously a sterile church cannot meet the needs of the multitudes who today are seeking for spiritual life.

There are countries in Asia today which heretofore have not been exposed to the blight of Modernism. They are now becoming areas of grave concern for evangelicals as the advocates of the ecumenical movement concentrate upon the national church. We can no longer remain aloof. We must use every means possible to inform these national leaders of the dangers of the hour.

Nominalism

Nominalism is stifling the Church. We have given ourselves to the task of evangelizing, and we rejoice in each soul committed in faith to Christ. But there is more to be done. We are to "teach them to observe all things." In this we have failed in many instances. We have not enlisted the converts. We have not discipled our churches.

The average Christian does not know his Bible, nor does his ignorance trouble him. He is not studying the Word. He may be encouraged to read a booklet and to spend a minute in silent prayer, but that does not produce strong Christians, nor make servants for God.

The average member knows little or nothing about the power of prayer, or how to pray the prayer that lays bare the arm of Almighty God in changing the lives of men. Every great outpouring from God has come as a result of prayer. We stand in need of an outpouring. Every revival has come as the result of believers agonizing in prayer. God knows we need a revival. It will take a miracle to save our world today.

The average believer lives in total ignorance concerning the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit in his life. We need to face it. This is not the daily experience of our people.

Nominalism is the curse of the church in Asia. There is no sense of spiritual obligation, no passion for souls; no burden for the lost. We need a fresh emphasis on Christian responsibility. We need once again a clear clarion call to consecration of life and substance, and to faithfulness in witnessing. We need a fresh vision of the harvest fields, full and overflowing, white unto harvest.

Radicalism

Radicalism within the body of the Church has proved not only dangerous but definitely disastrous. It has discouraged and frightened many of God's servants who fear that they might be brought under attack or caught in the cross fire of these extremists. Usually a half dozen of these fellows, rending and tearing in a vitriolic spirit can put God's forces to flight.

Separatism on a group level is a tragic enemy of the Church, and of missionary advance. Unbiblical as it is, it seems to flourish on the mission field.

Everywhere I go I find an organized Missionary Fellowship, and its counterpart the National Workers Fellowship. The gulf between them is often appalling. Instead of unity there is division. We teach the oneness that is ours in Christ, but in practice we raise such barriers and problems that these groups are actually in two camps. We need to face the question posed by Paul in I Corinthians 1:13, "Is Christ Divided . . .?" The overall picture must be one of conflict and confusion to the average national.

I do not say that these enemies without and within will ultimately destroy the Church of Jesus Christ. I rest in unwavering faith in His blessed promise, "The gates of Hell shall not prevail," but I do know that these things are creating much havoc, and causing the wasting of much precious time. I do know that many of them are robbing the church of power from above, and spoiling our witness. A divided

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A WIDE-OPEN DOOR IN ISRAEL

By VERDA BLOOMHUFF

WHAT CAN BE done to turn the tide of prejudice in Israel? This is a question which is asked and answered by Dr. G. Douglas Young, director of the Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies in Jerusalem.

"Today," Dr. Young says, "the Holy Land is open to Protestant Churches of America for biblical study; the Israeli Government welcomes us and is willing to cooperate with us. But did you know that we are mistrusted by most of the Israeli people? That there is even a feeling of bitterness against us by many because of past persecutions? Also that Israel has a legal religious set-up that denies most of the Protestant Christians in its land some of their legal rights? What can be done to turn the tide of prejudice? To answer this—the Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies was founded."

Dr. G. Douglas Young

This school in the heart of Jerusalem is proposed to enable theological students to study Bible sites first-hand, to live a consistent Christian testimony in the new nation of Israel, and to help form new ties of understanding and love between Israelis and Christians.

What Can Be Accomplished?

What basically can the school accomplish? (1) It can provide American Christians with a positive way of being accepted by the people of Israel as genuine friends. (2) It will insure the people of Israel having opportunity to meet and come to know good representatives of Christianity—students, professors and pastors—who will be "living epistles" among them. (3) It will make possible a fair interpretation of the aims and accomplishments of the new State of Israel, by these students, professors and pastors to evangelicals in America. (4) It will invite Israeli cooperation in the training of future pastors through the use of their country and some of their well-trained people as lecturers. (5) It will provide better interpretation, teaching and preaching of God's Word by enlarging the historical, sociological, archaeological and biblical background of American students, professors and pastors.

It is thrilling to see how God led in the beginnings of the Israel-American Institute. Actually, the germinal idea for the School was formed when Dr. Young interviewed a number of prominent people from Israel over radio stations in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Through his own contacts with these Israelis, his own desire better to acquaint himself with their country became so intense that he made definite arrangements to visit Israel in the spring of 1956.

Since Dr. Young is a professor of Hebrew and the Semitic languages, and had been Dean of Education at Northwestern College, one of his main objectives in going to Palestine was to meet as many of the government officials as possible. He wanted to find out first-hand their views on various subjects vital to their new way of life. This he did—asking question upon question as he talked with leaders in their homes, shops, schools and offices. Everywhere Dr. Young found gracious hospitality and genuine interest. Perhaps chief of those with whom he talked were: Dr. Dhaim Wardi, Counsellor for Protestants, Ministry of Religion; Dr. M. Avidor, Director General of the Ministry of Education and Culture; Dr. J. L. Benor, Assistant Director General of the Ministry of Education and Culture; Dr. B. Mazar, President of the Hebrew University; Dr. Samuel Yeivin, Director of the Department of Antiquities; Dr. K. J. Mann, Director General of the Hadassah Medical Organization, Israel, and M. Pinhas Eliav, U. S. Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

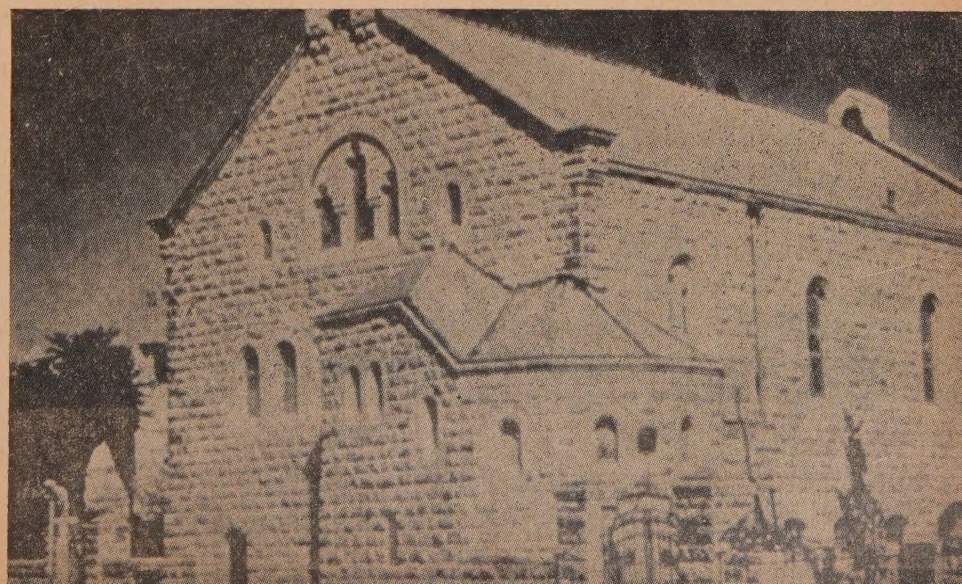
State and Religion

Out of the maze of information concerning this new nation which Dr. Young gathered, several things became very clear.

For instance, there is a complete separation of state and religion. This was initiated as "Community State" during the Turkish Ottoman rule over Palestine. England continued it by agreement with the League of Nations when they were given Mandate over this area after World War I. Now, Israel has agreed with the United Na-

ISRAEL-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Property of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Institute was able to lease this building for five years—*rent free!* It accommodates thirty students and faculty.



tions to keep the "status quo" at the outset of its new govenrment. Literally, this means that each major religion in Israel has the right to set up a ruling body over its members. This group then decides disputes between members, and issues birth, marriage and burial certificates. The three major religions at the close of World War I were Moslem, Jewish and Christian, with the latter divided into Russian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic.

Today, any person desiring to change from one religious group to another can declare so in writing—but this change must be within the existing framework of these groups or else the *individual loses some of his legal rights.* In reality, *no individual citizen of Israel can become a Protestant, as we define the term, without losing his legal rights in these areas.* The civil government cannot help retain an individual's legal status because it has no department responsible for such functions! To some extent this problem is being solved as other religious ruling bodies are added to the list—but so far it has helped very few of the smaller Protestant groups of the Christian faith. It was obvious that an evangelical witness in this area was sorely needed.

God has His prepared workers. Dr. Young met Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Griebenow of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, who were living in a large stone church in the Israel section of Jerusalem. Because of the problems stated above—*this church was practically idle!* While Dr. Young remained with the Griebenows, they spent long hours discussing the problems of missions in that small country. It was becoming more and more apparent to Dr. Young that there was one area where Protestant Christianity could work with the Israeli people—*in the field of education and archaeology!*

If a School could be set up in Israel, Dr. Young reasoned, Protestant Christians could study and visit Israeli institutions, industries, and homes in an effort to break down existing prejudices. A School on a seminary level would provide the Jewish people with close contact among real Christians in everyday situations. This would form an excellent basis for helping to bridge the existing gap of misunderstanding.

Initial Step Taken

Dr. Young left Israel with this tremendous burden for a School. Returning to the States, he took an initial step toward that goal. He wrote Mr. Griebenow and the Christian and Missionary Alliance Mission asking their views of such an undertaking. Their interest and approval came immediately. Later conferences with the Mission brought their offer of their church building as a possible School site.

The wheels were beginning to turn!

Next came the correspondence between the Israel government and Dr. Young. He had already won their friendship and confidence. Their reaction to the establishment of a School was cautious, but not unfavorable. Various sections of the government would have to pass on its establishment.

Providentially, Dr. Yigael Yadin came to America to lecture on his work in archaeology. Esteemed highly by his own nation, Dr. Yadin was Commander and Chief of the Israeli Army when it fought for independence in 1948. At present he is head of all archaeological work in Israel at the Hebrew University, supervising the largest archaeological diggings in the world at Hazar.

Here was the second step—the two men met again in Minneapolis. Result? Dr. Yadin suggested that since there was every possibility the new School might be established, that Dr. and Mrs. Young go to Israel that summer and work with him at Hazar. More letters passed between Israeli government officials and Dr. Young—encouraging ones! So plans were made to return to Israel in July of 1957.

Now seemed the time actually to form an organization for the new School. Dr. Richard Elvee, Pastor of the Central Free Church and Mr. George England of the England Press, both Minneapolis friends, wanted to help. They with others formed the Israel-American Institute in March, 1957.

Government Cooperation

Arriving in Israel with his wife and son, Dr. Young met Ilan Har Yuv of the U. S. Division of the Foreign Office who planned a complete social and conference schedule—as though he were a government official. This arrangement meant that Dr. Young was able to do in a few days what would otherwise have taken weeks.

The School idea was well received by the Israeli government—and yet what problems! The proposed School must be acted upon by several sections of the government—and any one division vetoing it could stop the entire plan—which could easily happen with the minority groups represented in the Israeli government. While awaiting the decision, the Young family spent a profitable six weeks with Dr. Yadin and his staff. They made invaluable friendships and studied first-hand the conducting of an archaeological expedition.

In September plans to return to the States were made—but not before the good news of the School's approval was received! Letters—all favorable to the proposed project—came from Dr. M. Avidor, director-general Ministry of Education and Culture; Dr. Ch. Wardi, counsellor on Christian Affairs, and Ilan Hartuv, U. S. Division Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Here was a wide-open door of opportunity—in a day when doors for witness and opportunities for service are being closed to the Church in many countries. Israel was presenting a "Welcome Mat." It seemed that God had placed before Dr. Young and his fellow workers an open door. This was the challenge—and the problem was: Shall it be accepted? The obvious answer was "Yes"—but *how?* Some steps have already been taken: There is an organization for the School composed of outstanding Christian leaders as board members. The Institute has leased the property of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for five years *—rent free!* Thirty students and faculty can be comfortably handled there. The Institute already has students and a faculty interested in participating in the program.

Financial Problems

The next step—and apparently the main one—was: How to finance the school? With regard to this phase of the problem, Dr. Young has this to say: "We cannot expect the students to completely finance their tuition, board, room and travel expenses. This would *limit* the program to the *financially able* student only. Since these students will represent America and the Christian Church it is imperative that we make the program available to those who can accomplish the goals without the controlling factor of cost. We know that most of us cannot go—but we can send someone in our place. Jesus said, 'Go ye into all the world.' He also said, 'Deny yourself—take up your cross and *follow me.' We need one hundred men who really believe that we should not close our eyes to this opportunity and are willing to support the school's program."*

It is planned to start the first semester February 1, 1959. The first group of American students and faculty under the leadership of Dr. Young will leave January 28, 1959 and fly to Jerusalem. The professors who teach will be on sabbatical leave from American seminaries along with a staff pro-

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THE EVOLUTION ARGUMENT IS ON AGAIN

By WILLIAM WARD AYER*

HERE WE go again! Are we men or are we monkeys? Adam's seed or apes' progeny? Is modern *homo sapiens* the offspring of the distant *homo sapiens* whose shadowy ancestor was *Pithecanthropus erectus* who stood up straight but was a half-wit?

It appears that the battle waged thirty-five years ago will need to be joined again. It will be recalled that *Life* Magazine, the self-appointed authority on everything from the origin of the universe to the value of all religions, told some time ago in wide columns and vivid drawings exactly how the human family, now blundering crazily through the atomic era, blundered and bludgeoned their way up from stooped and hairy half-men, to flat-headed, dumb-eyed old *Australopithecus* (he walked with his chin up) to their present exalted state—if they don't blow themselves into microscopic dust!

The old jawbones and skullcaps and other spare parts are hauled out of hiding for our veneration (the Piltdown Man is not there—he is now the skeleton in the closet). But infinitesimal parts of the Peking Man (he had a sad funeral 300,000 years ago), the Rhodesian Man who threw his last spear 40,000 years back, Neanderthal and other noble specimens are now stock in trade. The race is paid a limited compliment by the concession that "man alone stands erect and has self-perception." No reason for this distinction is given. It is claimed that "both men and apes are descended from a common ancestor who lived about thirty million years ago." It is admitted that "the remains of the creature have not been discovered, but it is thought to have resembled the monkey-like animal *Limnopithecus*" (he was capable of climbing trees as well as scampering on the ground—aren't we all!).

It is not, however, a joking matter. What man is and where he came from is basic to all philosophy and religion, for if man was not at the beginning made in God's image, if he did not "fall" from innocence as the Bible says, then Christ's death is purposeless and much of the New Testament message is completely false in its implication.

The leadership of the Christian Church must once again take the sword of truth and battle for the biblical revelation of man's origin, nature, duty and destiny. Thirty-five years ago the Kingdom had giants like William Jennings Bryan, W. B. Riley, Howard Kelly, Arthur I. Brown, George McCready Price and a host of others who challenged the evolutionary theory and exposed its fallacies. It is tragic that many of their successors have not stood up to this "great lie" but too often have temporized with it. And now the enemies of biblical redemptive faith are bold, arrogant and intolerant.

When the famed Scopes Trial was going on in Dayton, Tennessee, this writer was asked by the daily press of Valparaiso, Indiana, where he was then pastor of the First Baptist Church, to supply a daily article on evolution and Christianity. This he did and got scare headlines across the front page for two weeks.

Evolution was then discussed pro and con. But today many of our pulpiteers seem afraid to face this pseudo-scientific falsehood, which is the true "opiate of the people;" and it is hard to find a politician today with enough biblical knowledge to face an issue like that.

Mr. Bryan had a controversy with Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, geology professor at Columbia and President of the American Museum of Natural History. Osborn wrote a book in 1925 entitled "The Earth Speaks to Bryan." In the book the professor said: "I once traveled several thousand miles to see a tooth no larger than a pinhead." He declared this bit of shiny enamel to be "the oldest tooth in the world." It was found in Bryan's home State of Nebraska and claimed to have belonged to a man who lived a million years ago.

They called the bony bit *Hesperopithecus,* meaning "the Ape of the Western World." Osborn said the fragment of a tooth found in Nebraska rebuked Mr. Bryan for not believing in this evolutionary theory. Though scolded for his ignorance, Bryan would not believe in the validity of the tooth, and died at Dayton in that unbelief.

But Bryan was right, for after many learned scientists had examined this one tooth and had publicly accepted it as proof of prehistoric man's living a million years ago in America, unfortunately the rest of the skeleton was found and it turned out that the tooth belonged to a peccary, or wild pig, now extinct in America. Then the solemn array of doctors, experts, specialists, biologists, zoologists, paleontologists, folded their tents like the Arabs and silently stole away, without decency enough to apologize either to the shade of Mr. Bryan or to Almighty God who gave a record of man's origin in His holy Book.

The persistent effort of haughty men to disprove the teaching of the Word of God concerning man's origin and nature has caused even noted scientists to grasp like a drowning man at floating debris to find some proof that man is only a developed brute and not a creature created in God's image. Occasionally the utter folly of their claims is exposed, as in the case of Britain's famed "Piltdown Man."

In 1908 Charles Dawson, an English lawyer and amateur archaeologist, found a small piece of human skull in gravel that workmen were overturning in Piltdown Common in England. That was all that was found at the time, but three years later another fragment of skull was found in one of the gravel dumps. Mr. Dawson took these bones to the British Museum. Further search was made and parts of the lower jaw and more pieces of skull were found. With these bits scientists constructed a skull and called it *Eaonthropus Dawsoni,* or the Dawn Man of Dawson.

A November '53 issue of *Life* stated: "The scientists said he was a 'missing link' between man and apes. Then some authorities claimed the skull was 500,000 years old and Piltdown Man became the earliest truly human creature on earth. Though several scientists in three countries disputed both his age and his authenticity, Piltdown Man was reproduced in hundreds of museums and studied by a generation of school children as the greatest anthropological find of the century.

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"Last week the superlative got switched. In a report which constituted an absorbing scientific detective story, the British Museum admitted that special tests had proved the brain case only 50,000 years old. Even more shocking, the museum's scientific sleuths had found the jawbone was that of a 50-year old ape, marked with odd scratches and stains showing it had been cleverly retouched to make it look old. Piltdown Man, scientists agreed, was the greatest anthropological hoax of the century."

The boldness of today's apostasy is a clear mark of the age. Prophesied "headiness" and "highmindedness of an age that has tapped so many sources of natural power, is much in evidence.

God in His Word has shown a high contempt for man's mere brain wisdom. The Almighty says when man has gone his limit he has only reached God's classification of a fool, "for the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." Faith in God is the supreme wisdom.

The devil's original lie was "Ye shall be as gods." His most effective method in modern times in putting over that lie is the evolutionary philosophy which declares man is not a divinely created being, but arrived on the world scene by natural processes after millions of years of development. In other words, man has through forces residing within himself slowly developed from lower forms of life to the highly intelligent and materialistically powerful being he is today.

This philosophy of man's origin is generally accepted by scientists. "All life on this planet, even human life, originated in a tiny, slimy speck resembling transparent jelly found in pools of water along the shores of the primeval seas over a billion years ago." Thus a scientific monthly states the case for most non-creationists.

This writer is not a scientist, but he has spent many hours during the last thirty-five years studying the literature of the evolutionary theory. Practically no new facts on man's origin have been unearthed since the days when mighty scientists reported it on scientific grounds and faithful clergymen brought its vagaries out in the light of Holy Writ.

When this battle was at its height a generation ago Professor Etheridge of the British Museum, one of the foremost experts of fossilology said, "In all this great museum, there is not a particle of evidence of the transmutation of species. The museum is full of proofs of the utter falsity of this view."

Geologist Sir William Dawson lifted his consecrated voice in protest saying: "Evolution is utterly destitute of proof." Professors Trass and Agassiz, noted naturalists, warned, "The theory is a scientific mistake, untrue in its facts, unscientific in its methods." Nothing new has been unearthed that could have changed the opinion of these competent scientists.

One does not study long before he discovers that the problem of man's origin is really a spiritual one. Have we a divine record in the Bible? The evolutionists have no certain order of procedure. Lincoln Barnett, writer of *Life's* article to which we referred, is as shaky and uncertain about his thesis as Darwin was when he wrote "Origin of the Species." His doubtful phrases glare at you from the text: "it is believed," probably was," "it appears now," " was convinced some," "if," "perhaps," "possibly, but there is no evidence," etc., etc.

Let us return to Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.G.S., Principal of McGill University in Montreal at the age of thirty-five, an outstanding geologist, scientist and biblical Christian. He wrote, ""Why I Believe in Creation Rather Than Evolution." After a long discussion of the evolutionary theory versus the teaching of the Bible, which shows scientific men know so little about the creative processes, he said: "I am content to leave in God's hands all the perplexities that arise from nature, human life and history, and am ready to join Paul in his great ascription of praise: 'O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

This is not pleasing to the proud, unregenerated mind. Man's natural evolution makes a more pleasing story.

"For most of a million Stone Age years," says *Life,* "the planet's sole upright inhabitant maintained his dominance with crude tools conceived by his unique brain." Man is therefore the master of his fate. He once was only a flat-headed *Pithecanthropus,* now he is a god with Prometheus' fire in his hand.

According to this theory, man needs no God, he's "doin' all right" all by himself! Christ at best can be only the "best achievement" of the evolutionary process. But He too sprang from *Pithecanthropus erectus.* The cross can have only a philosophical meaning. Heaven is only a dream and Hell a fool's nightmare.

It is quite obvious that we had better take off our soft raiment, buckle on our armor, firmly grasp our sword and uncompromisingly battle this philosophy of the pit that has once again risen boldly to drag men down from their position as God-created beings.

Open Door in Israel

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fessor who will be Dean of the School and remain permanently in Jerusalem.

Studies will be taken up immediately along with a thorough indoctrination of the students on conducting themselves as part of a minority group. They will be required to re-evaluate their outlook and learn to accept a new way of living.

Student Ambassadors

Students, probably for the first time in their lives, will have to act as ambassadors by being "living epistles" among people who in many cases mistrust them, although some will respect them. They will have to win their acceptance from these people and this can only be done in a real spirit of love and humility.

Along with their studies, arrangements will be made for the students to sit in on assemblies at the Hebrew University and to visit the various government assemblies. They also will have an opportunity to participate in round table discussions with groups from the University, the Histadruth Labor Organization and Rabbis from various synagogues. This will be their real opportunity to win friends among these people. There will also be time allotted to trips throughout the Holy Land to study biblical history and to see the sites where Bible stories actually occurred.

In June the students will have opportunity to join an archaeological expedition for four weeks. There they will learn the theory of digging, how to record finds, the reconstruction of pottery and how to date it. Then they'll tie-in all of this information with history to show the Bible's authenticity. Since less than twenty per cent of the archaeological work to be done has been done, this presents a rich field of endeavor. There will be time for the students to spend a few weeks visiting museums and sites of ancient culture in Europe on their way home.

The next group of students and professors will have already left America August 1, 1959 and in their case will spend the first few weeks in Europe on a study tour. When they arrive in Israel they will take up work with the archaeological expedition for four weeks before starting their studies. Their semester will be conducted the same as the first group.

In all—it will be a rich experience for these students and professors. Not only will it have far-reaching results in their own lives and the lives of in-

dividuals in Israel, but also here at home—since they will return better prepared to fill their pulpits and classrooms.

What are the benefits? Today the Middle East seems to be the testing ground for East and West. It has been said that Russia *must control this section of the world* if it hopes to control Asia and Africa. *Russia is putting forth every effort to win the cooperation of the people and governments of the Middle East.* America has plans which are being used to better the relations with these countries, and especially Israel, but they are for the most part directed to the heads of government, officials of organizations and schools, and some of the outstanding people in arts, literature and science. At the present time there is no program being carried on by Americans in Israel to overcome the mistrust and prejudice of these people.

Israel welcomes the program of the Israeli-American Institute. They want it to reach not only those at the top, but their high school and college-age young people—in fact the general populace. Benefits? The actual results cannot be estimated! Future pastors and teachers will study Bible sites firsthand. Israelis will meet and come to know good representatives of Christianity. New ties of understanding and love between Israelis and Christians will be formed.

"Shall we accept the challenge?" Dr. Young asks and then supplies the answer: "We must! Dare we turn back now that the hand of fellowship has been extended? If we do, it might prove what many have thought—that we Christians are incapable of extending a helping hand except on our terms. The need is tremendous! The opportunities are multiplied! We of the Israeli-American Institute are praying that Christians all over America will lend a hand in accomplishing this tremendously important work."

Confusion and Conflict

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church cannot minister to a divided world.

Where Lies the Answer?

God forbid that I should spend a few weeks in Asia, and then pose as an authority concerning her problem. But some of these things are common to the Christian cause the world over. Of these I wonder if God does not have the answer for us in I Corinthians 1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

This verse makes clear the necessity of Christian workers being united in a common message and a common effort, "Let us speak the same thing . . ." "Let there be no divisions among you." We need to re-evaluate our task, to get the issues clearly defined, and our objectives clearly outlined. Let us be done with duplicating one another's efforts, and neutralizing one another's works. Let us recognize the great gaps in the work of evangelizing the world that can never be bridged apart from a co-operative effort. Let us face the issue together. Let us look beyond our own little program and see the over all need of reaching a world terribly adrift in the flood tides of sin. Our ability to rise above the conflicts, and the measure of blessing we shall know in eliminating the confusion in which we find ourselves will be determined largely by our willingness to renounce spiritual isolationism, and the development of activity co-operation in our common effort.

Let us be done with bickering and fighting over trivia. Let us give of ourselves unstintingly, with renewed zeal and bouyant hope, to the glorious task that is ours to do for Christ.

There is ample evidence in the Word of God that the Almighty pronounces His blessing upon dedicated, united effort. Has He not promised, "One shall chase a thousand, but two shall put ten thousand to flight." Let us claim the promise and take the land for Christ and His Church.

Prayer Opens the Door to the New Year

The Universal Week of Prayer has been organized annually by the World Evangelical Alliance since 1846, and every year a program is prepared by Christian leaders of various denominations. The Week will be observed January 4 to 11, 1959.

In the early history of the National Association of Evangelicals a particularly friendly relationship grew up between the Association and the World Evangelical Alliance. Both organizations stood foursquare on the divine inspiration of the Bible. In the centennial year of WEA evangelical leaders conceived the idea of the World Evangelical Fellowship, and since that time there has been full cooperation between WEA and WEF in observance of the Universal Week of Prayer program.

For a number of years the National Association of Evangelicals has cooperated in this effort toward interchurch cooperation. Articles have been published in *United Evangelical Action* magazine, and for the past two years the NAE has printed material for wide distribution in this worthy cause. Churches which have used this material are generally agreed that starting the New Year in the spirit of prayer has made their work more effective. They report a spiritual impact from the week's observance that extends its influence through the following months of the year.

NAE is providing "Universal Week of Prayer" material again this year. It will be distributed (without cost) to churches that request it—for use either in meetings during the Week or by families in family devotions. Any churches desiring the material should address their requests to: National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

Action Editorial

Thank God for God

■ AGAIN AMERICA bows before the Ruler of the Universe at her traditional Thanksgiving season.

Despite the "recession" in the midst of the year 1958 the nation has prospered economically. We have "muddled through" without a war despite the threatening clouds of the Middle East and China. The steady encroachments of Communism have not yet extinguished the flame of democracy. The secularist and pagan trends which cause thinking men such grave concern have failed to stem the growth of religion. We have much to be thankful for.

But above all we need to realize that the United States is so completely the fruition of a great religious heritage that the worship of God and wholehearted commitment to His Word are essential to its survival as a free nation. Above all we need to *thank God that He is* and that He is a rewarder of all those who diligently seek after Him.

We repeat over and over again that this is a "nation under God." We need to realize, with a deeper understanding of its true meaning, that a nation under God is a nation under His authority, under His power, and under His judgment. We must honor, worship and serve God as He has been revealed through our Lord Jesus Christ. We must make His ideals our ideals, His standards our standards, His purposes our purposes, His motivations our motivations.

Unless we do this we have no right to sing or pray, "God bless America!"

Vote Christian!

■ POLITICALLY speaking, the ballot box is America's first line of defense for democracy and freedom. Every good citizen who has a vote should cast his ballot on Election Day.

It is axiomatic that a Christian should be a good citizen. He is of the "salt of the earth." Should the nation lose its "savor," "wherewith shall it be salted?" We must assume that he is constantly exercising a moral and spiritual influence in society, but if he is to be effective in the body politic he must stand up and be counted on the side of righteousness whenever any poll is taken.

We Christians tend to be disgusted with much that goes on in the political parties. Someone said the other day, "Why vote? There are but two alternatives—creeping socialism under the Democratic Party or creeping socialism under the Republican Party." Possibly the time approaches when there should be a new party which stands for the distinctives which have made America great. But this great basic fact remains—the Government we live under in America is exactly what the electorate makes it or neglects to make it.

There are moral issues involved in every precinct in America this November. They have to do with candidates or with issues. The Christian citizen owes it to his country and to his God to pray for victory for the right and then to back up his prayers by voting Christian at the ballot box.

There are not many countries left in the world in which citizens can vote their convictions freely. Millions would make any sacrifice to gain the privilege of voting. We have the suffrage here. We will keep it only as long as its citizens exercise it as a "nation under God."

Does God Hear Our Prayers?

■ SOMEBODY asked Eleanor Roosevelt the other day whether God gives guidance to individuals through prayer. She answered in the October *McCall's* that only an egotist could believe that his troubles were any concern of God's.

What a pity that one who exercises such a wide influence in American life should be so utterly lacking in an intelligent understanding of prayer.

R. G. LeTourneau, great inventor-manufacturer of earth-moving machinery, would not agree with Mrs. Roosevelt. He believes that God took a personal interest in him when he was bankrupt in Stockton, California in the late 20's. A few years ago he sold his interests to Westinghouse for a fabulous forturne and is now well along in building another. It is said that in gratitude to God, Mr. LeTourneau gives 90% of his profits to the Lord's work. He calls himself a "prayer partner" with God.

The Le Tourneau story is duplicated in various ways by thousands of businessmen, statesmen, doctors, lawyers, educators, clergymen, artists, scientists, housewives, clerks and janitors. There are not enough libraries in the world to contain the testimonies that might be written about the blessings that have come into the lives of men and women through prayer.

Multiplied millions of people who were once at death's door say they have been healed through prayer. Attending physicians say that some power outside and above this world intervened to restore these patients to health. Others who have been mentally frustrated and defeated say that God answers their prayers and gives them new hope and courage to go on. Prayer guidance has helped numberless aimless lives to purposeful achievement.

It should be made plain at this point that prayer is no Aladdin's lamp which any neophyte may rub and automatically get what he wants. These popular songs that ask God to promiscuously "bless America" and to forgive us our trespasses after each weekend prodigality are vapidly sentimental.

Availing prayer involves antecedents, qualifications, adjustments, requirements and considerations in the life of the individual who prays. The will and purpose and foreknowledge of God must be considered. These human and divine factors are sometimes of such an intangible nature that they can not be readily discerned or understood.

Often it occurs that two people, who seem to be identical situations, pray for the same things and get different answers. One may be healed and another die. One's dream may come true and another's may not be realized. We may never know why in this life; some day we shall.

Only childlike faith and trust in God, an utter dependence on the workings of His Spirit and a fully surrendered obedience to His leading can make possible a rewarding prayer life.

The Bible says God cares for us. The experience of men of faith verifies it. We can lean our whole weight on His everlasting arms, knowing He will never let us down. We cannot really live until we believe this and practice it.

Legislative Gains and Losses

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With the 85th Congress adjourned it was possible to review the gains and losses in those matters which were of particular interest to evangelicals. As Congressional sessions run, the past one was quite active in terms of religious legislation. The subjects given consideration included a missionary naturalization bill, anti-obscenity measures, limitations on liquor, humane methods of slaughter, government assistance for church hospitals, switchblade knives, duties on religious vestments and postal rates for religious organizations.

One distinct gain was the passage of two bills strengthening the federal laws against the mailing of obscene materials. One of the bills doubles the penalty for second offenders convicted of engaging in the traffic in obscenity through the U. S. mails. It allows the prosecution of those who are charged with the offense in the jurisdiction where the material is delivered by the Post Office. Another bill closes the so-called "copyright loophole" by which certain dealers in pornography were evading the law which allows the Post Office Department to impound their mail.

Another gain was the passage of a bill to speed naturalization of the members of the families of certain missionaries. Where an American missionary must return to his duties abroad, his wife or adopted child can be naturalized without waiting for the usual period of residence in the United States.

The bill to require the meatpackers to use humane methods of slaughter passed Congress with the help of a number of church and interchurch organizations. It was opposed by the Orthodox Jewish rabbis, in spite of the fact that the bill specified Jewish ritual slaughter as being humane. There was some opposition on the grounds that this was not a simple exemption of ritual slaughter, but rather it was in the nature of a Congressional endorsement of a ritual practice. But in spite of such objections it was successful, to the great pleasure of the humane societies and other similar organizations.

Evangelicals were glad to see that the Senate Finance Committee refused to give the green light to either reduction or repeal of the cabaret tax. A measure to reduce it had been passed by the House of Representatives during the previous session.

Congressional treatment of the bills to ban alcohol advertising and to remove it from airlines is an old story. As in other years, the appropriate committee dutifully held hearings and then stalled until late in the session. Just before adjournment, a week or two, the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee met in supersecret session and exterminated both bills, pleading publicly that there would not be enough time to take action.

In the loss column for liquor legislation it was necessary to chalk up a large tax handout to the liquor industry. The Senate, over objections of the chairman of its Finance Committee, went along with the House in extending the bonding period on whiskey from 8 years to 20 years, thereby extending the period on which the distillers would be forced to pay tax. When news of this action was first circulated the value of stock in one company was reported to have jumped some $33,000,000.

The only gain in the line of liquor legislation was the reduction of the State Department's representation allowance, which goes largely for the procurement of alcoholic beverages by foreign service officers. It was cut back to $750 000 which was $50,000 under the appropriation for the previous year.

In church-state separation, evangelicals tallied a loss in the passage of a bill to exempt parochial and private schools from excise taxes. The provision which was initiated in the House was taken out by the Senate Finance Committee, but was restored in conference.

The Hill-Burton Act, providing funds for the building of both public and church-related hospitals, was extended and amended. The Act was amended so as to allow hospitals to take loans instead of outright government grants, if they object to the latter on grounds of church-state separation.

A bill which was to have set a precedent in the District of Columbia by subsidizing school fares to both public and parochial schools was killed in the Senate and opposed on the House side.

Two bills to acquire land around churches in Philadelphia which have been set aside as historical sites were passed. Another couple of bills for simiar purposes failed to see action.

Early in the session, a bill was passed allowing church camps to continue to participate in the milk program administered by the Department of Agriculture, and which applies to schools during the regular school year.

A bill was killed which would have made a frozen fund held by the government, representing wartime wages of conscientious objectors, available to church-related organizations for their work overseas.

In the gain column we could put passage of a bill to ban the interstate transportation of switchblade knives, as a curb on juvenile violence.

Among the bills which failed to pass were those to: exempt ministers in the District of Columbia from giving testimony in courts in certain cases; ban certain Sunday sales in the District of Columbia; assist the states in providing education on the effects of alcohol and tobacco; exempt the clergy from federal tax on transportation fares; allow deduction of tuition to parochial and private schools for purposes of income tax; allow government funds to assist in building administrative buildings for private and church-related colleges and universities.

Bills were passed to exempt duties from certain religious vestments and other items being brought into the United States. Another bill appropriated further funds for the benefit of Philippine church-related institutions, most of them Roman Catholic, so as to cover awards which had already been made by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Finally, religious institutions fared pretty well in the bill which increased postage, by retaining the low rates on second class matter and having only a slight raise on third class matter.

Subsidy With Control Asked

A Roman Catholic educator, attending a conference in Washington, supported a plan for public financial support and partial control of private church-affiliated schools. The statement was made by Dr. Charles J. Donohue, professor of English at Fordham University in New York City.

The basic elements in the plan had been set forth earlier, but Dr. Donohue introduced the possibility of Catholic support for the plan. He denied that public and parochial schools are rivals, asserting that they are "partners in the effort to educate the American public." In addition, he voiced the argument that parents have the right to send their children to the schools of their choice, without being burdened with the support of the two school systems.

Dr. Donohue said that the subsidization-with-partial-control plan would have to be adopted slowly and experimentally as pilot projects in selected communities. He said that state control would be in accord with the American pluralistic system of handling the question of religion and state power.

Protestant response to the suggested program was unenthusiastic to say the very least.

Meanwhile, supporters of church-state separation were increasingly concerned by recent developments in New York state, where "refresher" courses in mathematics and science were being furnished to parochial school teachers from public funds. The program was carried out in spite of a clause in the state's constitution specifically prohibiting direct or indirect assistance of any kind to church schools.

At the same time Cardinal Spellman circulated a letter stirring up Catholic support for legislation to permit the use of public funds in behalf of the parochial school system. Some observers are of the opinion that the church-state clause in the state constitution will be besieged directly under the instigation of the Catholic ecclesiastical system.

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EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST CHRISTENING

Red Communist government of East Germany now provides public services of recognition for new-born babies, in which special certificates of recognition are awarded. These ceremonies are designed as substitutes for the traditional christening services in the churches.

WORLD-WIDE

Japanese Christians Hold Peace Prayer Breakfasts

HIROSHIMA, Japan — (RNS) — Monthly "prayer breakfasts for world peace" are being held by a group of about 20 Christians here in the first city obliterated by an atomic bomb.

Members of the group, mostly Japanese, include an American missionary, a World Council of Churches' case worker among A-bomb victims, the director of the YMCA, a leading woman newspaper publisher, the chairman of the local Christian laymen's association, a school teacher, several young people and a few survivors of the bombing. The first prayer breakfast was held Sept. 6, one month after the annual ceremonies commemorating the thirteenth anniversary of the dropping of the bomb. The idea for the breakfasts came when Christians saw the "mixture of motives and feelings" demonstrated in the citywide activities, which are participated in by practically all the people of Hiroshima and by visitors from near and far.

Although anniversary activities begin with morning worship services at the hour the bomb fell, demonstrations bordering on violence usually take place later in the day, said Methodist missionary Mary McMillan of Pensacola, Fla., a member of the prayer group. Miss McMillan, who teaches in the Hiroshima Girls school, said Christians decided to meet "to seek God's guidance in this situation," realizing that the people's desire for true peace was in danger of being exploited by "misguided and clever agitators."

Co-sponsors of the prayer breakfasts are the Peace Study Group of the city YMCA and the Hiroshima branch of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an international pacifist group.

Mark Centennial Greece's Oldest Protestant Church

ATHENS—(RNS)—Church leaders from the United States and several European countries took part in three-day celebrations marking the centennial of the First Evangelical church of Athens and the dedication of its new modern building.

The church is the oldest Protestant worship center in Greece. Its congregation is made up of Athenians and Greek Protestant refugees who came here after the Greek disaster in Asia Minor in 1922. The new church, a three-story structure, replaces a building which was demolished two years ago.

Highlights of the celebrations was a two-hour worship service, followed by rites dedicating the new church at which the sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Michael Kyriakakis. He urged all Protestants in Greece to remain united "so that the Evangelical movement may be promoted and that this celebration will mark a milestone in further intensive progress in bringing the Message of God to our nation."

Mr. Kyriakakis recalled that Protestant work was begun in Greece in 1828 by Jonas King, noted American missionary and scholar, who came with gifts of clothing and food from the American people for Greek needy.

The new church has not been completed, due to lack of funds. One of its distinctive features is an 80-foot tower facing the Temple of Jupiter and Hadrian's Arch. Part of the funds for the church were given by the American Mission to Greece in New York, which sent special representatives to the centennial ceremonies.

Ask State Department To Intervene in Greece

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—The National Association of Evangelicals has asked the State Department to intervene with the government of Greece and express American concern over confiscation of property belonging to Greek evangelicals.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, the NAE secretary for public affairs, told Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in a letter that on September 19 Greek police attempted to seize a small park which lies between the evangelical church in Katerini, Greece, and an orphanage maintained by the congregation. He said that funds contributed by American evangelical churches have contributed to erection of the church and orphanage and purchase of the land involved in the dispute.

Dr. Taylor attributed the latest incident to "increasing pressure on the part of the State Church in Greece" against Protestant minorities. The NAE leader urged Secretary Dulles to remind the Greek government of the interest of the American people in freedom of religion. He asserted that persecution of the church in Katerini,

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Russian Baptists Want Youth Exchange Visits

MOSCOW — (RNS) — Russian Baptist leaders "welcome" the idea of more exchange visits by young believers to create "a unity of Christians" above any political or economic barrier, a British church official was told here.

During a two-hour talk with leaders in the city's only Baptist church, the Rev. Edward Petti, assistant general secretary of the British Council of Churches, here as a tourist, asked about the possibility of expanding the exchange program.

I. Motorin, a member of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptist), replied that the group was willing to exchange young believers with Great Britain. The Council, he added, influences some 3,000,000 people in Russia.

Moscow Baptists, expressing their welcome of the idea, stressed the fact that six young members have already studied in Baptist colleges in Bristol and London. Among them is the son of Mikhail Akimovich, Leningrad Baptist church head and a member of the Council. Rev. Ilya Orlov, who spent two years in England, said that "besides education, I found many friends there with whom I correspond."

Soviet Baptist youths told Mr. Petti also that they would "give thorough consideration" to possible participation in a European Ecumenical Youth Conference to be held in Switzerland in 1960. The meeting is being planned by national youth secretaries of various countries under the guidance of Maurice Costil, European secretary of the World Council of Churches' youth department.

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COPENHAGEN—(RNS)—A total of 116,000,000 pounds of food and 5,000,000 pounds of clothing were distributed in needy areas last year under the auspices of the Lutheran World Federation's Department of World Service, it was reported here.

Rev. Bengt R. Hoffman of Geneva, Switzerland, director of the LWF Commission on World Service, also told a commission meeting that during the 16 months ended last April 30 the department financially aided 7,350 emi-

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He said relief goods were distributed last year in West Germany and Berlin, Austria, Yugoslavia, Poland, Syria, Jordan, India and Hong Kong. In addition, supplies were sent to Korea and Taiwan by Lutheran World Relief, an agency of American Lutheran Churches.

Mr. Hoffman also reported that 530 persons are now working in 17 countries under the auspices and guidance of the department. The commission approved for 1959 a list of projects totaling $1,500,000 in 23 countries around the world.

Chairman of the LWF World Service Commission is Dr. Paul C. Empie of New York, executive director of the National Lutheran Council of the United States.

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Executive Director NAE Visits Northwest Region

WHEATON, Ill.—During the first half of October Dr. George L. Ford made an extensive tour of the Northwest in the interests of the National Association of Evangelicals. His itinerary included a breakfast meeting at Cheyenne, Wyo.; ministers and wives fellowship, Boise, Ida.; services (assisted by Rev. Wilmer N. Brown, NAE's Northwest Regional Director) in Nampa, Ida., Prineville and Redmond.

Dr. Ford also conducted a seminar in Portland, led devotions for the Greater Portland Sunday School Convention, and met with the Northwest Regional NAE Board. At the close of the tour he spoke at Lebanon for the Greater Santiam churches, at EUB Church in Albany, and at Friends church in Medford—the latter engagement particularly in behalf of Sunday School promotion and presentation. of the NAE program.

NAE Executives Tour West Coast

WHEATON, Ill. — Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, accompanied by Dr. George L. Ford, executive director, completed a full schedule of speaking engagements on the West Coast during the month of October.

Itinerary of the two NAE leaders included an evening rally at Sacramento, services at Fresno, Bakersfield and San Pedro—with Dr. Ford speaking. Dr. Mekeel conducted service at Fuller Seminary Chapel and together with Dr. Ford met with NAE Fellowships for breakfast, luncheon and dinner sessions in several California cities, including Hawthorne, Van Nuys, Long Beach, Downey, West Covina, San Gabriel, Santa Monica, Riverside and Santa Ana. Looking forward to the 1959 NAE Convention in Los Angeles, the NAE executives met with the LA National Convention Committee and with the Greater LA Fellowship officers.

Concluding the month's tour Dr. Mekeel spoke at an evening rally in Santa Monica, at a breakfast with the San Pedro Fellowship, luncheon with the Riverside Fellowship and an evening rally at Santa Ana under auspices of the Orange County Fellowship.

A Gypsy Mother's Despair

If there is one class poorer and more in need of the Gospel than another in Greece, it is the gypsies. One of their own number confessed to our native worker: "Unfortunately we use any means whatever, whether legal or illegal, from stealing to witchcraft, to earn our living. However, that doesn't mean we don't want to change our way of life and become honest people and good Christians. But today is the first time we have heard of Christ and the Gospel."

Here is what our Gospel worker says about one poor family: "Nafsika Sankouri is the sick mother of 5 children. I found her washing outside her hut which is made of sun-dried bricks. I asked her about her children and herself, and then I spoke to her of the love of Jesus. At this her eyes filled with tears. 'I am tired of this miserable life,' she said between sobs. 'Poverty, hunger and sickness are our constant companions. I have 5 children who never get enough bread to satisfy their hunger. Recently I underwent a serious operation and was told by the doctors that I must have wholesome food, but how can I get it when my children are deprived of even their daily bread? I need injections, too, but they are very expensive. I don't care for myself as much as for my children, and the idea that I may die and leave them all alone is torture to me. What is going to become of them? May God help me to learn how to obey and trust in Him as you advise me to do. At least then my soul will be saved so that I will not go to hell and be lost forever.' "

We cannot conceive such bitter poverty and need in this country. As the holiday season approaches, when we rejoice in the good things the Lord has provided for our enjoyment, let us heed the words of Philippians 2:4: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Help to spread a table for the needy in the land of Greece through the American Mission to Greeks, Inc., Rev. Spiros Zodhiates, General Secretary, Dept. U, P. O. Box 423, New York 36, N.Y. (In Canada: 90 Duplex Ave., Toronto 7, Ont.).

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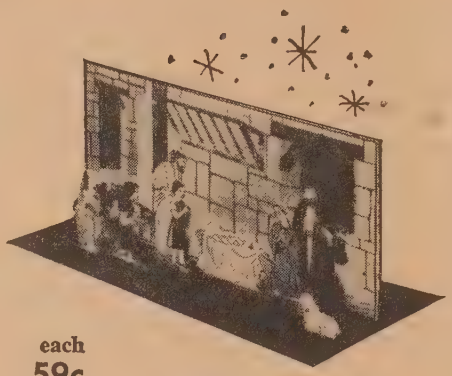

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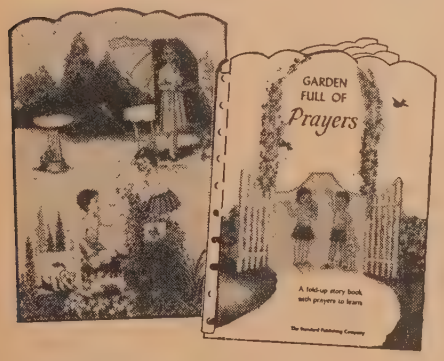

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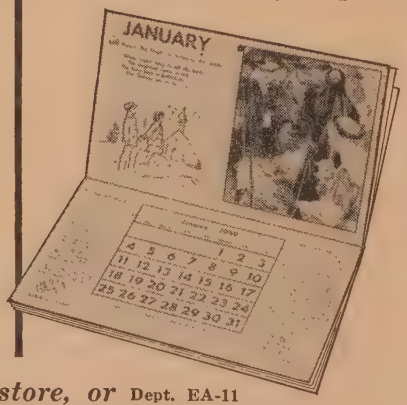

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Denominations

Evangelical Free Church May Join World Agency

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — (RNS) — Dr. Arnold T. Olson, president of the Evangelical Free Church of America, said he will recommend that this denomination become a permanent member of the International Federation of Free churches. He made the announcement here after returning from a session of the federation's meeting in Jonkoping, Sweden, which he attended as an observer and speaker. His recommendation will be made to the Free Church's annual conference in Denver, Colo., next June.

Dr. Olson reported that Free churches are persecuted today in Czechoslovakia, Spain and Greece, adding that "only since 1951 have Free Church pastors in Sweden been given full freedom." "Those who study seriously the conditions in America have noticed alarming trends here as well," he said.

"The National Council of Churches makes it very difficult in many communities to work under the freedom enjoyed before. In some communities church councils even determine the location of new churches as well as controlling radio and television time."

Dr. Cranford Heads Baptist Joint Group

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D.C., was elected new chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, at its semi-annual meeting here.

Dr. Cranford, former president of the American Baptist Convention, succeeds Rev. Eldon W. Koch, pastor of Berwyn Baptist church, College Park, Md. The committee which he heads is the only agency representing all six major Baptist conventions in the United States. It advises Baptist leaders concerning problems of religious liberty, Church-State separation, and other public issues of particular interest.

Rev. Frank Brasington of Silver Spring, Md., was elected treasurer, succeeding Edward W. DeGroot, of

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415 New Churches Is Assemblies 1959 Goal

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — (RNS) — A goal of 415 new churches during 1959 has been set by the Assemblies of God, which has headquarters here. Each of the denomination's 44 districts has been assigned a target in the drive.

At a conference of district home missions directors here, it was announced that the denomination has been establishing a new church a day for the past ten years.

The Home Missions Department will assist districts in finding workers and in providing financing. The Assemblies now have 8,104 churches in all 49 states. They maintain nine foreign language branches.

Pentecostlists Lauded For Vibrant Christianity

TORONTO—(RNS)—Survival of democracy is dependent upon a vibrant Christianity, 9,000 delegates from 40 countries to the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches here were told.

Walter Dinsdale, assistant to the Minister of Veterans' Affairs, warned that along with great material advances in the western world had come growing moral and spiritual laxity. He congratulated the representatives of 8,000,000 Pentecostalists on bringing "new spiritual vitality to the ageless message of the church of Christ."

Mr. Dinsdale, a Salvation Army officer, brought personal greetings to the conference from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.

Lutheran Group Establish Washington Headquarters

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—Another Lutheran organization has moved its headquarters to the Lutheran Church Center here, it has been announced. The Eastern District of the American Lutheran Church transferred its headquarters from Pittsburgh

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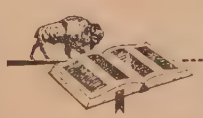

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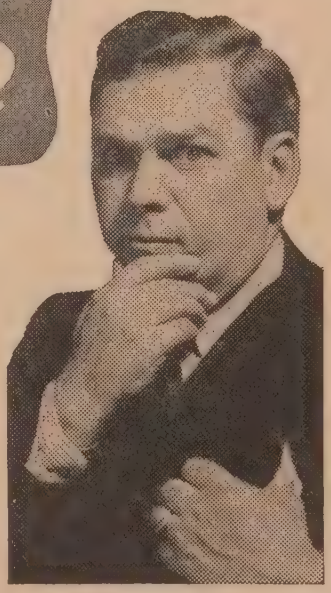

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Among the Lutheran agencies now occupying the Lutheran Church Center, situated in the midst of a number of embassies on Washington's fashionable Sixteenth Street, are the Armed Services Commission and Washington public relations office of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; the Lutheran Service Commission; and three divisions of the National Lutheran Council.

Canadian Missouri Synod Lutherans Approve Merger

WINNIPEG, Man. — (RNS) — Delegates from the Canadian District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod voted at a conference here to withdraw from the parent Church and join in forming the Lutheran Church in Canada.

The decision followed a meeting with representatives of the six other Lutheran denominations in Canada at which withdrawal of all from their U. S. parent bodies was contemplated.

Approval of the proposal to form a united Lutheran Church was given, but delegates voted to meet again next year to reconsider, Membership of the proposed Lutheran Church in Canada would total some 240,000 constituents.

Dr. A. H. Schwermann of Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta., was elected president of the Missouri Synod's Canadian district. Other officers named were Rev. Arne Kristo of Port Credit, Ont., first vice-president; Rev. M. F. Pollex of Hamilton, Ont., secretary; and Clarence Kuhnke of Winnipeg, treasurer.

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COLUMBUS, O.—(RNS)—The Columbus City Council passed an ordinance providing a 30-day jail sentence for persons "selling, having or giving away an obscene magazine, book, picture or statue." The penalty became effective Oct. 21.

The Citizens for Decent Literature group urged passage of the ordinance, under which any citizen may file suit against another for handling obscene literature, and leave it to the courts to decide if the literature is obscene.

John B. Hennessey, attorney for the citizens group, said "I don't know if a court would judge any or all of these (magazines) obscene, but since the Supreme Court has given us a standard of reference, the city will be in position to commence to eliminate such material from the newsstands."

Post Office Announces Anti-Obscenity Orders

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—The Post Office Department announced that thirteen foreign obscenity orders were recommended by its General Council during one month in a stepped-up enforcement campaign.

"By these orders, mail addressed from this country to the foreign concerns listed will be stopped from dispatch by United States postal officials," the Department said. It also disclosed that over 200 stop orders were issued during the month against foreign lottery operators.

Postal authorities also announced commencement of prosecution against another large California operator. Hollywood-International Productions of Los Angeles was charged with "the sale through the mails of obscene photographs."

Shotgun Blasts Fired into Seminary Open to Negroes

WILMORE, Ky.—(RNS)—Five shotgun blasts ripped into the administration building of Asbury Theological Seminary here in an incident linked to a series of events aimed at opposing the enrollment of two Negroes in the Methodist-supported school. Pellets from the shots broke a classroom window and damaged wood around the main entrance to the building. The shooting occurred around 3 a.m. Identity of the persons who fired the shots from a passing car was not established.

Previously, the two Negroes had been chased back to their dormitory at the school from a nearby soft drink stand, and later a group of persons had challenged them to "come down here."

Seminary officials believe the anti-integrationists were not connected with the seminary in any way or with neighboring Asbury College. Although the seminary board voted several years ago to admit Negroes, this was the first year that Negroes had been enrolled.

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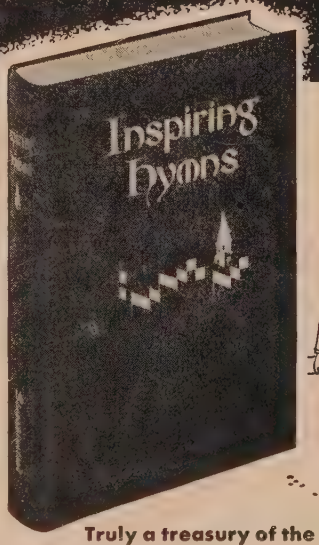

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Speakers included Dr. Henry Brandt, clinical psychologist, Missionary Internship, Inc.; Rev. Harold Cook, chairman, Department of Missions, Moody Bible Institute; Dr. Lloyd Blauch, assistant commissioner of Higher Education, United States Office of Education; Dr. G. Allen Fleece, president, Columbia Bible College; Dr. Cornelius Haggard, president Azusa College, California, and Dr. Robert Walker, editor, *Christian Life* Magazine.

A special business session for all AABC member schools was held on Wednesday evening. All other meetings were open to representatives of non-member Bible institutes, Bible colleges, Christian liberal arts colleges, and other educational institutions and agencies.

A seminar for teachers of missions was conducted by Mr. Cook and Dr. Brandt. Principal subjects for discussion were training programs and techniques of counseling and screening missionary trainees.

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OMAHA, Nebr. — New students registration reached 139 this fall, which marks an all time high in the history of Grace Bible Institute. The total enrollment indicates a 20 per cent increase over that of a year ago.

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The student body this year consists of approximately eighty young men and women from various parts of the country. Among the thirty new students is Winston Hurlbut, a son of missionaries in Africa. Winston was born in Congo. His parents and two brothers are serving on that field, and he himself is looking forward to returning there as a missionary when his schooling is completed.

The annual Convocation featured Professor Gordon R. Lewis as speaker. Mr. Lewis has been appointed as Associate Professor of Theology and Apologetics, having come from a number of years of fruitful classroom ministry in Johnson City Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, New York.

Disciples Dedicate Historical Center

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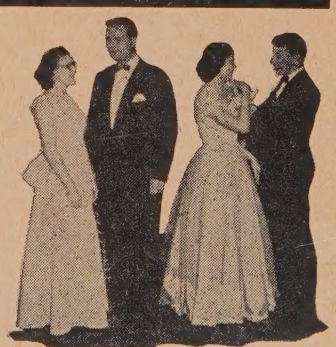

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W. A. Criswell, minister of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., was pastor-evangelist in special services during October at Temple Baptist Church of Los Angeles where Dr. J. Lester Harnish is pastor.

Kornelius Isaak, serving under the Mennonite Brethren Church Board of Foreign Missions in Paraguay, was killed by the savage Morro Indians he and fellow missionaries have been trying to reach with Christianity.

Lewis Petrus, pastor of the famous Philadelphia Church, Stockholm, Sweden, was speaker at the communion service of the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches which convened in the Canadian National Exhibition Park, Toronto, Ontario, early this fall.

W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., has been named chairman of the general arrangements steering committee for the 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Wallace Turnbull, serving in Haiti with the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society, received a citation from the Haitian government in the form of the Presidential bestowal of a Knighthood in the Order of Honor and Merit. The president's Chief of Protocol, who read the citation, said the medal of honor was awarded "because Mr. Turnbull had proved himself faithful to the mountain folk of Haiti in a manner which earned the respect

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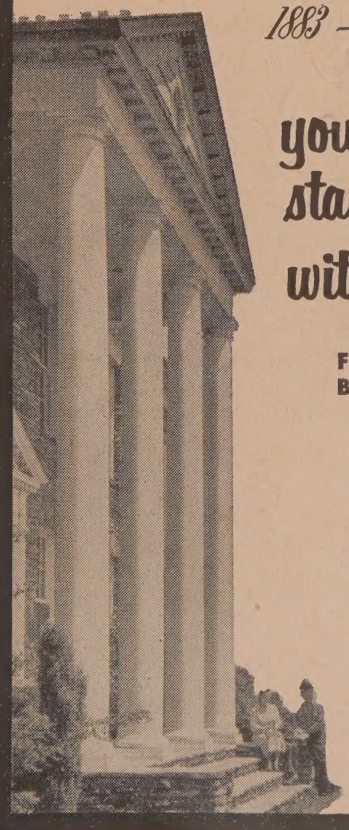

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Lewis A. Myers, whose denominational service has included that of seminary professor, pastor, chaplain, and editor of three Baptist state papers, plans to retire as editor of the *Baptist New Mexican,* a post he has held for eleven years.

Dick Hillis, general director of Orient Crusades, returned recently to Formosa with his family after an absence of two years. In a meeting with over sixty other Formosa missionaries he expressed the thought that "hurry" is the key-word in the Orient today. "The things we had planned to do tomorrow," Hillis said, "we must do today."

David Morken, Far Eastern associate evangelist of Billy Graham, will be the speaker in a three-week evangelistic crusade in Saigon, Viet Nam, in November. The Crusade will be geared to reach the Vietnamese community during the first two weeks, while the final week will be directed toward the large Chinese population of Saigon.

Ernest W. Horn has been named dean of the School of Education at Seattle (Wash.) Pacific College. He succeeds Prof. Vivian Larson, who has been acting dean during the past year.

Herbert S. Mekeel, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, spoke at Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago, during the latter half of September in a series of addresses emphasizing the history of religious movements in America.

David P. Beal, who was pastor for the past seven years of First Baptist Church of Nogales, Arizona, has accepted the unanimous call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Tucson, Arizona to become its Director of Christian Education. He assumed his duties October 15.

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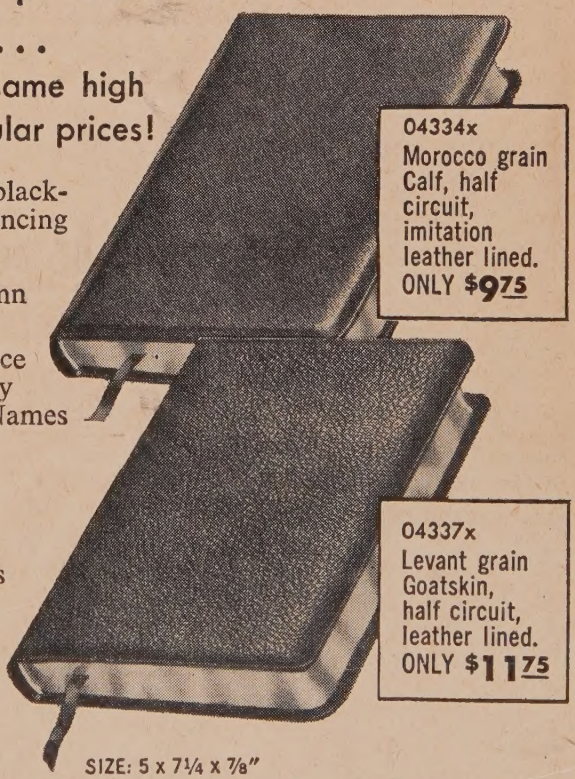

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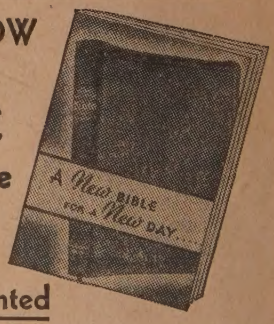

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